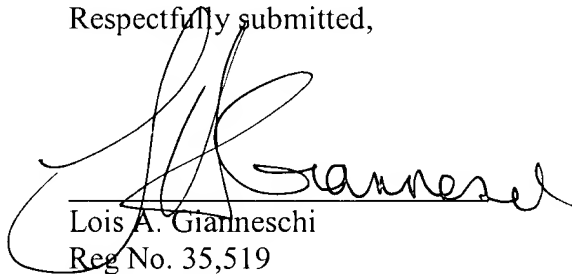


The Examiner rejected claims 1, 11, 14, 15, and 17 through 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based on United States Patent No. 4,720,188 to Knapp. Knapp fails to teach or disclose a base layer with a translucent color zone having color throughout. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Section 102(b) rejection based on the Knapp patent.

The Examiner rejected claims 16, 11 through 14, 19, 20, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Rawlings in view of Knapp. Each of Rawlings and Knapp fails to teach or disclose at least one material element of the claimed invention. That is neither reference teaches or discloses a base layer with a translucent color zone having color throughout. Therefore, whether considered singly or in combination, the cited patents cannot be found to render the claimed invention obvious. Withdrawal of the Section 103(a) rejection based on the Rawlings and Knapp patents is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendments, withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims are requested.

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